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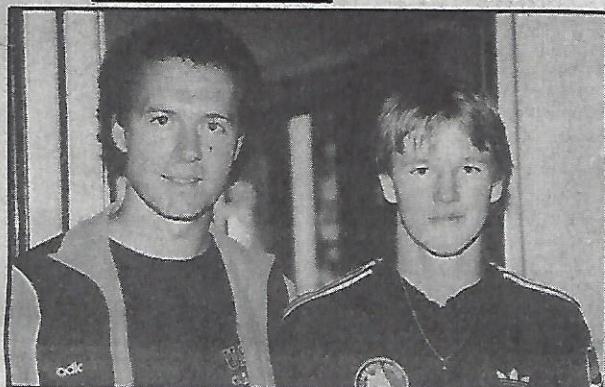
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D-DAY ON IMPORTS

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Former Queensland youth representative Glenn Archer of Grange Thistle was one of a group of Queenslanders who met Franz Beckenbauer (left) on a memorable trip to West Germany. See GEOFF STEAD'S report, Page 9.

OI VEI!

Australia's main challenger in this month's World Youth Cup elimination series in Sydney, Israel, is in tatters.

The team they were planning to send to Australia is no more, their coach and eight players have all been suspended.

What happened was that before Christmas the Israeli Football Association sent their Youth team to a famous West German training centre for a week.

And there, it appears, the boys decided to be boys.

According to a commission of inquiry, several of the players had a brush with the law because of shoplifting from supermarkets.

Others committed the lesser crimes of partying and gambling.

Their wages of \$15,500 players have been banned indefinitely, three others for a year and coach Dror Kashish is also out for 12 months from the international team.

All this just about removes

Israel as a threat to Australia's chances.

Now, if we could only pin something on the New Zealanders. — ANDREW DETTRE

Spurs, Udinese here?

A series between Spurs, Udinese and the Socceroos is likely to precede the proposed international tournament here in June-July.

Peter Sheean, head of Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd, is in Europe trying to finalise contracts for both tournaments.

The first would take place in May, with the three teams playing each other on Wednesday and Saturday nights so as not to interfere with the NSL season.

The NSL hopes to get about \$100,000 from the tournament, in compensation for reduced gate receipts. The league

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argues that fans won't go to less games during this period if they are paying high admission prices to see Spurs and Udinese.

If the May series does not come off, Melbourne will host a match between England's Chelsea and Victoria, promoted by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The June-July tournament would feature Arsenal or Aston Villa from England, Olympiakos or Panathinaikos from Greece and perhaps Fiorentina from Italy, all playing against each other and the Socceroos.

ASPF Marketing Ltd is anxious to recoup a loss of about \$200,000 on its tournament last year, between Juventus, Iraklis, Manchester United, Australia, Nottingham Forest and Glasgow Rangers.

At least the fans would profit. Udinese features \$4 million Brazilian star Zico and Spurs boast Osvaldo Ardiles, Glenn Hoddle, Ray Clemence and Garth Crooks.

"Jim Patikas, one of the top players in Sydney is an example. He was signed by Sydney Olympic for \$30,000 two years ago but moved to Sydney Croatia for around \$22,000.

"It is the same with player wages, with Sydney's level being a lot lower than Melbourne's.

"Regardless of whether we let more imports in, the top players in the country would still command the big transfer fees."

EDITORIAL

Restrictions strangle clubs

Top-level soccer exists in Australia because we still have some fans willing to pay at the gate, and because of a hard nucleus of people who love the sport and are willing to give it money transusions.

They are squashed beneath the becksides of those who sit in top espousing undergraduate ideals and theories.

One such theory is that we must restrict imports to force our clubs to promote young local players.

To that end, we are stuck with a quota of one new import player per club this year.

And crowds have been decreasing steadily over the past five years, right across the board, with the only respite being provided by the NSL finals series last October.

Transfer fees have reached ridiculous heights for very good reason. We simply do not have enough good players, so the few we have are priced highly because the club concerned does not really want to sell them, but if forced to, wants enough cash not only to replace them, but also to ease their own financial burden, caused partly by the decline in attendance.

The cost of importing a player is lower than buying one here.

Most clubs are starting to crack under the burden of accumulated debts, affiliation fees owing from last year and for this year. Gate receipts cover only a fraction of each club's operating costs, yet the players demand more and more money.

And on top of all this, we have an import quota which raises transfer fees, holds down the playing standard and thus reduces attendance.

Is it any wonder that no-one wants to be a club president? How many of the faithful have seen their fellow plumb into debt or even lose their houses because they've guaranteed bank loans which the club has been unable to repay?

Those at the top can be as pious as they like about "our magnificent Aussie-born players" but they don't have to pay the bill. If we condition which will send clubs to the wall, we will see those magnificent boys playing in the paddocks.

Let the powers be set certain standards for imported players — let those

players be no lower than European Second Division standard, for example.

That is sufficient.

We do not live in a dictatorship, although in soccer one might be misled into thinking so. A new influx of imports — let's see more from the continent and South America — would increase the supply to meet the demand, and thus reduce prices of our precious youngsters and at least make it possible for them to switch clubs when they feel they must.

It would also, hopefully, bring back some of our lost spectators.

If had not been for our import quota, we would have seen many players of high standard coming here, especially this year, as financial conditions for players in many parts of the continent, particularly Yugoslavia, are not as good as they are here.

Good local players always have forced their way into senior sides on merit — Perin, Warren, Johnston, Vojtek, the Nyskoholm brothers, Curran, Baard, DeMarchi, Davidson, Xanthis, Kotsopoulos, Selimidis, need I go on? If a local player isn't up to the required standard he shouldn't be there, and if he is, he's doing a disservice to the paying spectator who demands value for money.

We didn't have an import quota in 1977, the first year of the NSL, yet even then 131 of the players used were locals and most of the others were migrants who had played here for years.

If Italy, England, West Germany and Greece see merit in importing players from abroad, then surely the need is greater in Australia.

Clearly, it is in the interests of all clubs that the import market be thrown open, within the constraints of the players' standard.

The clubs themselves can make it happen. Although ASL officials have said they will vote against any such move, the decision is not theirs, but the clubs'.

The clubs make up the State federations. The boards of the State federations, representing those clubs, can direct which way their ASL delegates should vote.

The NSL clubs will vote for import relaxation, so if the clubs at State federation level muster their resources, they could easily push it through.

Finally, the import issue is not, of course, the be-all and end-all. To save money, clubs need to look at all aspects of their operation — players' wages, signing-on fees, and the costs involved in the competition of which they are a part.

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Xanthopoulos out to prove Hellas wrong

Arthur Xanthopoulos would love to help Heidelberg-Alexander beat Hellas!

"I want to prove that Hellas was wrong in discarding me," he said this week.

"The best place to do that is at Heidelberg. They would really feel it if we beat them and if I played well."

Xanthopoulos's transfer however, is being held up by Hellas' request for a \$10,000 transfer fee.

Xanthopoulos 28, believes that because he has given Hellas 15 years of loyal service, the club should give him a free transfer. He has applied for a tribunal hearing in the hope of having the transfer fee reduced.

Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan offered \$5000 for the

skillful sweeper after watching him play for Heidelberg in a practice match at St. Albans, but Hellas turned down the offer.

Xanthopoulos's preference is Heidelberg, not only because of the traditional Hellas-Heidelberg rivalry but also because his cousin, Theo Selemidis, is the Heidelberg captain.

If the transfer comes off, Xanthopoulos probably will play sweeper, with Charlie Yankos switching to the stopper's position, since Don Macleod who has played stopper until now, is on the transfer list. Macleod apparently asked for a big pay rise, which Heidelberg could not afford.

Xanthopoulos emerged from the Hellas juniors, and played his first senior game just as he turned 16, because John Bedford was out injured. He became a regular in the end-of-season inter-club competition, between the top four teams from Melbourne and the top four from Sydney, playing alongside Steve Walker in the middle of the defence.

He was injured in 1983 and when he brought up the subject of a new contract he was fobbed off by the committee men.

"They said they were worried that I might not play again, and they suggested I should have a few runs in the reserves to make sure the injury had cleared up," Xanthopoulos recalls.

"I trusted them, but in the meantime, the transfer season closed, and when it came down to the contract, they said they'd give me only half pay because I'd been injured. I wasn't happy with

that, and I really think it was just an excuse to get rid of me."

"In fact, that's what happened later. The Hellas president, Leo Aneakis, told me that the coach, Len McKendry, didn't want me. I said OK, give me a free transfer, but Leo said no, they wanted money for me, even though I was no longer needed."

"Perhaps they would let me go cheaply if I were to go to a club other than Heidelberg. Perhaps they're worried that if I play well for Heidelberg — particularly against Hellas — questions will be asked by the supporters."

Xanthopoulos and Jim Kondarrios, then of Footscray J.U.S.T., were the centre backs of the Victorian State team in 1976, playing against Velez Mostar (2-2), South Australia (1-2), Tottenham Hotspur (1-3), Bologna (0-4), the Italian Army (1-2) and Atrromitos (1-1). — LAURIE SCHWAB



Former SM-Hellas captain Arthur Xanthopoulos

Mr Nice Guy to boost Makedonia



Bill Murray

They call Bill Murray soccer's nice guy, but that tag does not say enough about the relentless way he pursues soccer excellence.

His influence already is evident at Makedonia in the way the team is playing. The players who struggled to find their best form last year are bubbling over with confidence — even Gary Cole is looking good again — and team organisation never had been better. We speak here about their form against Hellas (1-0).

All that despite the absence of Zarko Odzakovic, Claude Lucchesi, George Campbell and Ljubo Petrovski who all are on the transfer list.

Murray, 38, was recruited by Makedonia because of his success in taking Box Hill from First Division into the State League and also developing so many fine young players along the way. Three of them — Mike Valentine, Scott Patterson and John Gabrielson play for Heidelberg.

But his soccer experience goes back much further. Born in Dundee, Scotland, he played junior league soccer there for North End before coming to Melbourne, where he played as a defender for Essendon Lions for three years, Box Hill (one year), Sunshine City (one year) and Frankston (three years).

He was assistant to coach Fred Bunce at Frankston in 1979, before moving to Box Hill where he coached for five years.

Murray is a qualified engineer but now works as a schoolteacher.

Makedonia came to Murray when the club decided to open its coaching job to applications. The previous coach, Frank McAldeer, applied with the rest, but it was Murray who was given the nod.

He sees the job as "an exciting new challenge" and is confident his players have what it takes to challenge seriously for the 1984 national title. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Soccer lags in coaching

Soccer lags way behind most other sports in the number of coaches who have qualified under the national coaching accreditation scheme.

The figures, covering the period from July 1, 1983, to June 30, 1984, were printed in a recent issue of "Sports Coach", published by the Department for Youth, Sport and Recreation in Perth.

Of the 23,705 nationally accredited coaches in Australia at that time, only 240 of them were soccer coaches.

Sports with more coaches, and their numbers, were netball (670), athletics (1774), basketball (1847), gymnastics (1551), rowing (320), bowls (755), hockey (1564), rugby

league (1931), softball (459), tenpin bowling (309), underwater (255), volleyball (389), lawn tennis (1087), Australian Rules (2209), squash (334), judo (562), cricket (1607), baseball (412), rugby union (581), swimming (1260), boxing (532), touch (266) and surf life saving (242).

Soccer can take comfort from the fact that it did manage to rate higher than fencing, archery, trampolining, croquet (only just), roller skating, parachuting, orienteering, billiards and Kendo Renmei (??). — LAURIE SCHWAB

Good one, Greg

Greg House couldn't have wished for a better debut when he came on as a substitute for Melbourne Croatia against Box Hill in the Buffalo Gold Cup.

Leading only 1-0, Croatia was getting a bit worried, since in their last game, the Hillmen had been thrashed 4-0 by Green Gully.

Player-coach Tommy Cumming took a chance in replacing midfielder Jozo Antolovic, who had scored from a penalty, with House in the second half.

House raced away on a through ball and as calmly as you like, stroked the ball across the path of goalkeeper Robert Harrison, into the far corner, to ensure Croatia of the points.

House was bought from State League club Knox City for only \$1000 — the maximum stipulated in his contract.

He had been somewhat of a sensation in 1984, scoring 16 goals.

The 24-year-old has a spectacular, tearaway style when he's in form, and should provide Croatia fans with lots of entertainment if he becomes a regular place in the team.

He started with the Mooroolbark juniors as an under 14 player, then went to Melbourne where he played under 15, coached by Bill Allison, and also was chosen for the State under 15 squad.

Next stop was Croydon City, before his five seasons with Knox.

His goals total of 16 last year matched a previous total, scored for Knox while the club was still in the Second Division.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.



Croatia recruit Greg House (right) pursues Morwell Falcons star Effie Cassar.

Tuffield US-bound

• Fawkner (Vic) striker Ian Tuffield (pictured below) is '98 percent' sure that he'll try his luck in the US this year, and that's bad news for Footscray J.U.S.T., which had hoped to sign him.

Tuffield tried out with the Toronto Blizzard in 1980, but the club had a full quota of foreign players at the time.

He has friends in California and intends to go there in April and try again.



Veselin Vojnovic

Polonia crisis: 10 men missing

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Polonia is in deep trouble and Veselin Vojnovic, its new coach, has inherited the whole thing. With the exception of Heniek Sobczyk the whole Polonia side of last year has gone "bush".

In fact Ian Barker has joined Manly, Fogarty went to Blacktown, Divani and Pratt are still "shopping" while Anton Galas is in Poland.

So much for the backline. Rasmussen and Lumsdaine have not returned, Kowalczyk and Uvcarek are still in Poland, while Wojciech Nowak is sitting on the sidelines and too eager to start training.

TEN PLAYERS OUT! That would have to be a record. No wonder that Uruguayan Auburn dished out a hammering to Polonia in the first round of the Ampol Cup.

If things don't improve Chopin Park way, I am afraid Polonia is in for one hell of a shock this year.

Fairy Meadow is the newcomer to the League. An unknown quantity with one outing so far, and against Avala at that, in the Ampol Cup.

From the reports received Fairy Meadow was the better side and certainly didn't deserve to lose. On that score alone Fairy Meadow should be the team to watch, particularly at Corrimbia!

Avala has a new coach in Vic Dalgleish and I dare say that on all information received he is the best-paid coach in the State League. Dalgleish coached Ku-Ring-Gai last season with some success and is on a "must succeed" ticket at Avala.

However, it is not going to be that easy.

Peter Ahrens, Gruia Vujnovic and Nikola Duvnjak have not been sighted yet and that is a setback to Avala's plans.

The acquisition of Ray Carney from Auburn should boost Avala's forward strength, while Brown, Milne, Nedic, Kodor and Mackenzie should add stability.

John Lembrayk, back in defence, could easily find himself up front if Da Silva or Ko-

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Steve Short's wife dies

• Cathy Short, wife of Green Gully player Steve Short, died suddenly last week. "Soccer Action" joins with many soccer followers in expressing its deepest condolences to Steve and his young daughter Aimee.

Krncevic wants to play but Arok says no



National coach Frank Arok has ruled Eddie Krnceanic out of contention for Australia's World Cup qualifying matches late this year.

Krnceanic, contacted in West Germany before joining Cercle Bruges in Belgium, said he was extremely disappointed that Arok did not contact him while the Socceroos were in Europe last December.

"I went to a lot of trouble fixing up a contract that allowed me to play for

Australia. It took two weeks of negotiations with Duisburg just to get that clause put into the contract," Krnceanic said.

Arok said it would have been easier for Krnceanic to contact him (Arok) in Europe as the Australians had a very tight schedule on tour.

"I couldn't justify using Krnceanic as he never has been part of our team and he probably doesn't know most of the players. It's been quite a while since he represented Australia," Arok said.

One must really marvel, we suppose,

at the glowing talents of the present Socceroos if they all can do better than Krnceanic.

"David Mitchell and Alan Davidson – the two overseas-based players I do intend to use – have both been members of the squad in the past, so that's a different matter," Arok said.

Krnceanic, who has played 33 games for Australia, transferred from Marconi to Dinamo Zagreb for \$30,000 and then to MSV Duisburg for \$40,000, the maximum stipulated in his contract.

His transfer fee to Cercle Bruges has not been disclosed.

He was happy to make the move however, as he was playing in an unaccustomed midfield position in West Germany. Bruges has given him the chance to return to the forward line.

Ironically, when we rang Krnceanic in Duisburg, Marconi's Bertie Mariani answered the phone. He was there for the christening of Krnceanic's son, and was planning to go on to the US to study sports psychology at Arizona State. – LAURIE SCHWAB

Israel our Waterloo?

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Rod Brown

Brown for Saints?

St George Budapest has offered \$16,000 for Marconi's unsettled striker, Rod Brown.

Budapest argues that the price is twice as much as Marconi paid Auburn for Brown, but Marconi wants \$35,000.

That seems to be the going price for any well-known player. Marshall Soper, who wants to join Budapest from Sydney Olympic, is also quoted at \$35,000, but has said he will seek a tribunal hearing to get the price down.

Soper has told Budapest he will meet the club's condition of moving from Newcastle to Sydney if he succeeds in getting his transfer.

LAURIE SCHWAB

Young Roos incomplete but they can still make it: Lambropoulos

By STEPHEN DETTRE

If Australia's young soccer players have one big worry at present it is whether to choose a career or to choose soccer.

While maybe not keeping them awake at night, it's a problem that has been made all the more difficult by the success of players such as Craig Johnston, Eddie Krnceanic and Alan Davidson in Europe.

As Sydney Olympic's 18-year-old defender Alex Lambropoulos said, his success has made a career in soccer even more tempting, because of the prospective rewards.

"I've got my higher school certificate and I'm looking for a job," he said.

He said getting that defensive position was his number one priority this year.

"Number two is working my way into the (Australian) Youth team."

"At present I'm only in the stand-by squad," he said.

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Lambropoulos himself realises the situation.

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a year in the NSL and have become a little tougher," he said.

He said he was still confident the youth team could win through from the Oceanic Group to the finals in the Soviet Union.

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Torna Zico e mette subito la firma

Un Tesser
promettente



The Udine daily, "Messaggero Veneto", reports on Australia's game against Udinese. The picture shows (left) Zico guarded by Alex Robertson and Mike O'Shea with (right) Edinho on the run from Graham Jennings.

Let's give England a miss in future

The Socceroo tour of November and December opened eyes about many things — among them how Australians, or at least a team representing Australian soccer, are viewed in Europe.

And by way of a quick conclusion we can say that the treatment the Aussies received was split evenly between the ill-mannered and patronising in England and the gracious and cordial elsewhere.

Now I'm not sure how much all of that matters, but it may be true that the status we are given on soccer's established continent is somehow important to our morale as a developing soccer nation. So, I suggest that our matches in England are judiciously avoided in future.

At no time did this become more evident than when the squad visited its other ports of call: Glasgow, Eindhoven and, most particularly, Udine.

In Glasgow, where Australia played the proud and dignified, the Aussies were given every hint that the hosts were doing all to ensure that the guests were comfortable and were given the hospitality fitting of a national team.

The hotel the Aussies stayed at was luxurious and comfortable, probably the best on tour. It was the same hotel Juventus or Brazil would have been put up at on a Scottish visit and the Socceroos slept in the same room as the Italian team in the same lounge. Di Stefano or Puskas did when that legendary European Cup final was played at Hampden in 1960.

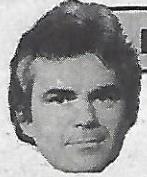
Genial Jock Wallace, the Rangers manager, put his personal touch to the hospitality with warming, attentive attitude, which included putting in an appearance at the Australian team's late-night dinner at the hotel after the game.

(It was there that he made his most notable quip about David Cooper's "wasteful" two goals which gave the Rangers their victory: "I had to substitute him in the second half. He only touched the ball twice and they were both miss-kicks".)

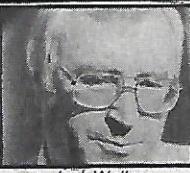
Much the same can be said of the team's sojourn in Holland where, despite the fact that the party had to stay in Rotterdam and play in Eindhoven, the accommodation and hospitality were impeccable.

But the outstanding of all was the team's treatment in Udine where the Italians' well-known penchant for formality and cordiality was exhausted to the maximum. Udine's secretary met the party at the nearest airport of Venice and accompanied the squad on the coach back to Udine (apologising all the while for the tight comforts of the coach, caused not by the size of the vehicle but rather by the mound of excess baggage the Aussies carried).

That might sound like a small thing but in England for in-



CHARLES MURRAY



• Jock Wallace

stance there were no secretaries in sight, much less one that would escort the visiting party on a two-hour journey, and Nottingham Forest's manager, Bryan Clough, true to form, didn't even turn up for the Australians' game at the City Ground.

But Udinese went the full tilt in hospitality, not the least because the Australian visit generated much media interest in a country where a visiting national team is a visiting national team, no matter whether it comes from Australia, Brazil or South Tonga. The local sports dailies, such as the "Gazzetta Dello Sport" devoted full-page treats to the game both before and after it and, as we know, the game was televised live throughout Italy. There were press receptions, formal and informal welcomes with elegantly-clad soccer and civil dignitaries present and courtesy gifts including an etching of the magnificent local "Station Fratelli" in a gold-coated frame surrounding a velvet backdrop. For the game, played on a Thursday afternoon, about 6,000 locally stationed soldiers were let in free, adding to the sizeable attendance which in the end totalled 23,000.

For the two days the Australian had to kill before their next game, the party was put up in Venice where I suspect, if not all of the cost footed by Udinese. After Udinese's feast of hospitality and the glamour that surrounded the occasion, one was tempted to have preferred all of the tour games to be played in Italy. Sadly, it was there that the party learned of the ultimate snub yet to come: a game against Tottenham, not at White Hart Lane, no, not at the Artistic Park or Loftus Road (where the artifical turf would have solved the problems caused by the incessant rain), but at Tottenham's modest training ground.

It should really not have been such a surprise if one already had been unimpressed by the manner in which we colonials were either snubbed or patronised in England. For all the Press the Socceroos got in England, they may as well have been a bunch of hippies hitch-hiking unnoticed across Britain. Even after a convincing win against Manchester City and a 1-0 victory over a team against Notts Forest's best, the local press seemed unmoved and in the

Sydney Olympic, in debt to the tune of \$400,000, last week successfully negotiated for the repayments on its \$372,000 bank loan to be frozen for three years, which allows Olympic to save \$56,000 a year on interest payments alone.

Olympic aims to balance its books on its 1985-86 operations. It has cut expenditure this year by \$105,000. Signing-on fees have been drastically reduced and will be scrapped altogether in 1986, which will allow Olympic to save \$50,000 on this year's expenditure. That money will be spent on reducing the \$372,000 loan.

Olympic's expenditure this year will be \$379,000.

The Waterloo Alexandria Businessmen's Club where Olympic's social activities are based, also is in debt. The combined debt of the Businessmen's Club and Olympic is \$850,000.

Secretary Tom Dounians, one of Olympic's new directors, pulls no punches when faced with his club's accumulated debt.

"But don't worry. Olympic isn't going to fold. We're getting our house back in order and we're here to stay, make no mistake about that."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

J.U.S.T. WAITS FOR JOVIC

Footscray J.U.S.T. is awaiting a clearance for Bane Jovic, a stopper from Yugoslav Second Division club Novi Sad.

Jovic, 28, has been training with J.U.S.T. for six weeks and is looking good.

With Kyri Kyriakoules expected to return to the team in late February, he and Jovic could form an effective new defensive partnership that would compensate for the loss of Gary McDowell.

Meanwhile, J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic has denied reports that he has had an argument with Suleiman Curovic and that Curovic wants out.

He said the reports stemmed from his opposition to Curovic taking penalties. "It's for his own good. If he misses, he only loses confidence," Cirkovic said.

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Ricoy wants to be another di Stefano

By STEPHEN DETRE

Tales of ragged youngsters kicking a makeshift ball for hours on end on dimly lit streets abound in the mythology of soccer's heroes.

Players such as Puskas, Pele, Matthews and their ilk have recounted endlessly of how they honed their immaculate skills on wretched, cobblestone streets.

Young St. George midfielder Pedro Ricoy can't lay claim to any of the imagery of those stories, but he readily admits he probably spent just as many hours with his mates playing imaginary Cup finals and championship matches.

"Almost from the time I can remember, I've been playing," Ricoy said.

"When I was really young we'd play from the morning until it was dark."

Ricoy said that despite being born in Uruguay, his great idol was Argentine maestro Alfredo di Stefano. "I've seen a lot of his on television and on film and there was just something about the way he played — he controlled the match and was always aware of what went on."

"I reckon I've tried to copy his style."

Some observers feel Ricoy is one of the most promising young midfielders in Australia — sort of Sydney's answer to Oscar Crino.

He has the dazzling burst of speed, great control and tremendous vision.

Last season he did enough

in his few outings with St George to suggest to most critics that he will be one of the stars of the future.

And quite a few of those critics were stunned when he was only included in the stand-by squad for Jimmy Shoulder's Young Socceroos, who will take part in the elimination series for the Youth World Cup in February.

Ricoy himself was disappointed, but not devastated, by being left out of the main squad.

"Of course I was upset, but you can't let these things weigh you down," he said.

"It's made me even more determined to do well this year and show that I could be of value to the Youth team."

Ricoy felt the Youth Squad was, however, not as strong as it could be.

"I may not be the one to criticise, but I don't reckon they'll be competitive enough," he said.

"There seem to be too many players from the Institute of Sport and not enough who've played regularly in the NSL."

"I just reckon the Israelis and New Zealanders will use their most experienced



Pedro Ricoy (centre) challenges Sydney Hakoah goalkeeper Tony Pezzano for a high ball. At right is Hakoah captain John Kosmina. Picture by ALEX VESIC.

players and we could suffer a little in that regard," he said.

He said playing in the youth league and the NSL were worlds apart.

"In the NSL you have to act much quicker and think even faster."

"If you don't, then the chance is gone and the whole match can swing against you."

Ricoy and his family emigrated to Australia in 1977 from Uruguay, when he was 10.

He had played some junior football in Uruguay, then became involved in the junior code here, before ending up at St George as an Under 13.

"And I've been there ever since. It's a great club."

"I've been approached by other Sydney clubs, but I don't see why I should leave St George."

"I'm happy here, and Frank (Arok) is a great coach."

"His methods are a little weird, but his results speak for themselves."

Ricoy said he was hoping that being excluded from the Youth squad for the elimination matches wouldn't mean being left out of consideration if Australia qualified for the Soviet Union.

"I'm just going to try and establish myself in the St George first team and show that I can be of value," he said.

As for long term ambitions: "I suppose like every

young Australian player, it's a dream to play in Europe," he said.

"It's been shown now that Australian players are good and there seem to be more clubs willing to try out players from here."

"But as for when and where, that I don't know."

Strangely, Ricoy has no desire to play in any of the South American leagues: "I only know I wouldn't go back to South America because the standard of living there isn't very high."

Ricoy, having just finished high school, said he was looking for a job, but added that he wanted something that would allow him as much time as possible to devote to soccer.

"I'm on trying to work on those aspects of my game that I don't think are very strong."

"I'm a natural right footer, but I want to be just as good with my left foot."

"And my heading has never been a strong point, because I'm not really that tall . . . but I've been working on my jumping and I reckon that's half the battle."

He also always work on my contract and speed."

"At present we're doing the usual pre-season stuff — plenty of physical work, but whenever I have the chance I like to go to the park and just play with the ball."

"It's fun . . . I enjoy it."

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Memo Arok: watch Olver

**Heidelberg 2
Foots JUST 0**

With Bill Lazonopoulos joining JUST from Western Suburbs for this match, coach Cedo Cirkovic declared: "I want to work mainly with local boys, playing in the Continental style. If we lose, at least we will have played attractively — not like before. We need a bit of time, of course, but I'm sure we will be a better team."

Heidelberg had Charlie Yankos back after suspension but he is said to have renewed his request for a transfer.

Stojilovic, who Stevenson was fearless and dynamic in Heidelberg's attack, and was rewarded late in the match when he scored the second goal, but it is Olver who has done most to boost his reputation in this series.

His penalty save in this match was his second, as he matched the feat against Juventus.

National coach Frank Arok has said he wants another experienced goalkeeper as back-up for Terry Greedy. He couldn't possibly get a better man than Olver.

Cirkovic reshuffled his line-up, switching left winger Zdravko Lujic to left back to make room up front for Lazonopoulos.

Gary McDowell made his last appearance for JUST before switching to Hellas, and typical of his sportsmanship, gave it all he had and emerged as JUST's best player.

Steve Winn, off the transfer list now, was back for the Heidelberg, to earn him a return. Stewart Stevenson up front, but Don Macleod remains on offer for \$18,000 as he has turned down the terms offered by the club. Macleod apparently is being sought by Juventus.

Dennis Boland again played well in JUST's goal, and the club no doubt hopes he will change his mind about quitting to become player-coach of Mordialloc at the end of the series.

JUST held sway over Heidelberg in the first half, and should have scored from its penalty in the 12th minute. Right back Emrit Petrov stormed forward, cut inside and sent a great pass to Cirkovic, who came in from the box. Olver came out at him, went for the ball, and Cirkovic tumbled over. Referee Evan Venios awarded a penalty. Stojilovic lined up his shot, but it was much too close to Olver, who saved it.

By the end of the first half, Heidelberg had established a physical advantage over JUST, whose players were being pushed off the ball too easily.

Sure enough, only three minutes after half time, Heidelberg heralded things to come when Scott Patterson blasted in a shot that Boland blocked. It was Olver, Valentine who seemed certain to score but this time Tom Karic cleared off the goal line.

JUST was not done yet, though. There was panic in Heidelberg's defence as Joe Angele missed a back-pass from Steve Marley, giving Stojilovic a chance to score. Stojilovic sidestepped Angele into the box to get his shot on target, but by then, Olver

had dashed out and dived at Stojilovic's feet.

JUST had wasted its chances, and now Heidelberg closed in for the kill.

Theo Selenidis lobbed the ball intelligently over the defence to the far side, where Patterson ran through and struck his shot past Boland for goal No. 1.

The J.U.S.T. players complained the move had been offside and, indeed, a linesman had had his flag up momentarily.

But no complaints about goal No. 2.

Steve Tasiros crossed the ball, it came off a J.U.S.T. defender's head, and there was Stevenson, unmarked, to put it away.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.



No, it's not a goal. Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Olver just has parried this penalty attempt by Footscray J.U.S.T.'s Milan Stojilovic. It was Olver's second penalty save in as many matches.

Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

Claude to move, Zarko to appeal?

**Makedonia 0
Croatia 0**

Claude Lucchesi was expected to transfer this week, and Zarko Odzakov was planning to ask for an NSL Tribunal hearing to force down the \$32,000 transfer fee placed on him by Makedonia.

Lucchesi, who has a \$5000 transfer fee written into his contract, has had offers from Footscray J.U.S.T. and Fawkner.

George Campbell and Ljube Petrovski remain on Makedonia's transfer list because they refused to accept less pay in line with newer matches to be played this season.

Croatia meanwhile, continues its wait for new coach Damogoj Kapetanovic, and perhaps one or two new players from Yugoslavia.

Goalkeeper Zeljko Govic, standing in while Yaka Banovic negotiates to join Juventus, saved Croatia on Friday night by making an amazing save in the last minute of play. Graham Heys had cut the ball back from the line for Robbie Dunn who faced Govic at point-blank range, yet somehow, Govic managed to save the shot.

But in Govic was impressive, then Makedonia's Gary Cole also deserves praise.

After his poor 1984 season, Cole looked sharp, fit, confident and really worked hard across the forward line, as well as dropping back.

And Makedonia's defence was quite superb. I doubt that there is a better defensive line in the National League. Just look at these names — George McMillan, Ian Dobson, Robbie Dunn, Con Ospasinis — not to mention goalkeeper Richard Wilson, the New Zealand international.

Victor Cristaldo continued to impress in the Croatia team. This 17-year-old from Kellar-Austria who has played striker, midfield and sweeper in the past, is being used out wide on

the left, and despite a heavy clash with McMillan in the fourth minute — a fate you wouldn't wish on anyone — he picked himself up, dusted himself off and figured in many impressive forward moves.

Jim Campbell looked set to score at the end of one such move but he too had to contend with McMillan who threw himself at the ball and blocked the shot.

Cole sparked as he beat two men and sent forward a fine through pass for Sean Lane whose shot however, was tapped over the bar by Govic for a corner.

But it was Croatia that put together possibly the best move of the match in the 26th minute. It started with Drago Deankovic — who played very well in defence — sending the ball forward to Tommy Cumming who laid it off first-time to Campbell. The pass from Campbell went wide to Cristaldo who spearheaded an angled pass to the far post, aimed at Steve Govic who was storming forward but got there a minute too late.

Govic repaid the compliment by sending a cross from the left aimed at Cristaldo in the

box but McMillan cleared with a strong header.

Big Croatia sweeper Aki Kertzmanchassis was put into trouble by a long ball which bounced in front of him and over his head, letting Graham Heys through, but left back George Hamann tackled well and forced Heys off the ball.

The half ended with Bill Piculovski heading just over from a cross by Heys.

Cole was flicking on first-time lay-offs on the ground and in the air, as well as playing accurate long passes to his team mates, yet in a flash he was back in defence, dispossessing Cumming just after half time.

When Ospasinis worked the ball forward however, and Cole got a chance to shoot, the old hoodoo returned and the shot went a mile over the bar.

George Gagic replaced Piculovski in Makedonia's midfield in the 55th minute, and did some impressive things while he was on Gagic and Piculovski both played in Makedonia's youth team last season.

LAURIE SCHWAB

Take the knife away from Traynor's back

Morwell F. 1

Juventus 1

While someone from Juventus used his friendship with a reporter to sharpen the knife aimed at new coach Tommy Traynor's back, Morwell Falcons proved yet again that they should be playing in the National League.

Falcons sweeper Steve Moore and striker Russell Athersych have been in great touch during the Buffalo Gold Cup and Falcons have proved that they would at least have been competitive had they elected to enter the 1985 NSL.

But what about the disgraceful state of affairs surrounding a certain scribe's call for Traynor's sacking? But Traynor can rest assured that the vast majority of soccer writers in Victoria don't take this kind of attitude and although they might get their facts wrong from time to time, many of them at least give our coaches a fair go.

Juventus has been disappointing in the Buffalo Gold Cup but I well remember the early displays of Heidelberg in

last year's Gold Cup, best described as a shambles.

Heidelberg however did well in the league and with the quality and depth at Juventus, allied with the respect Traynor enjoys from these players, there's every reason to be optimistic about the team's future in 1985.

Paul Wade, signed from Geelong, is a fine player still adjusting to new surroundings. Richard Miranda had a long injury lay-off last year thanks to a gent playing with Iraklis. Fabio Incantalupo missed all of last season through injury and is regaining both touch and match fitness. John Dowie arrived back only last week from holidays in Scotland. Brian Brown is negotiating terms and will be a bonus at the back once room is made for him by visa player Eddie Campbell's departure to

England.

Morwell boasts a far more settled line-up. Romeo Preziosi is getting a chance to prove his worth during the Gold Cup, not that the young goalkeeper has had a lot of work to do so far and with Harry Bingham, Moore, Emil Brum and Jim Train in front of him, he's well protected.

Ian Stirling doesn't look fully fit to me but he's a constant menace inside the area and

he'll score goals. Athersych, as I've said before, is great

Morwell was good value for this 1-1 draw with Juventus. The black and whites took the lead via the penalty spot in the 24th minute when Fab Incantalupo converted and referee Peter Mateski kicked up a thunderous infringement.

Four minutes later, Paul Drinovska tripped Athersych inside the Juve area and another penalty was awarded. Moore scored from the spot.

Three minutes into the second half, Juventus was unlucky not to hit the front when Robbie Cullen headed an Incantalupo cross onto the near post.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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OOPS!

Steve Winn was the scorer of Heidelberg's second goal in its 2-1 win over Juventus in the Buffalo Gold Cup, but I well remember the last week's "Soccer Action". Sorry about that Steve. You too Scott.

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Makedonia	2	1	0	4	2	5
Green Gully	2	0	0	5	0	4
Polonia	0	0	2	2	4	0
Hellas	0	0	2	0	2	0
Box Hill	0	0	2	0	6	0

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Morwell Falcons	2	1	0	5	2	5
H'berg-Alexander	2	1	0	5	2	5
Fawkner	1	1	1	4	4	3
Sun. Geo Cross	0	2	1	4	5	2
Juventus	0	2	1	3	4	2
Footscray JUST	0	1	2	2	6	1

Remaining games:

Tonight (Wednesday) from 7.15 pm: Polonia v. Box Hill, Hellas v. Green Gully.

Friday: Heidelberg v. Fawkner, Juventus v. Footscray J.U.S.T.

Saturday: Hellas v. Box Hill, Makedonia v. Green Gully.

Wednesday, Feb. 13: George Cross v. Morwell Falcons, Croatia v. Polonia.

Friday, Feb. 15: Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Fawkner, Juventus v. George Cross.

Saturday, Feb. 16: Croatia v. Green Gully, Hellas v. Polonia.

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SECTION A

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0. Referee: Stewart Mellings 7.

CROATIA: Govic 9 — Deanikovic 8, Kotzamichalis 6, Parton 7, Hanan 7 — Bikić 6, Antolovic 6, Campbell 7, Cristaldo 7 — Gojevic 7, Cumming 7. Coach: Tommy Cumming.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8 — McMillan 8, Dunn 8, Dobson 8, Opsinis 7 — Illoš 7, Flavell 5, Puklowski 8 (Gagel 55th), Heys 8 — Lane 7, while 8. Coach: Bill UURRAY.

SECTION B

MORWELL 1 (Moore penalty 28th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Incentalupo penalty 24th). Referee: Peter Matasik 7.

MORWELL: Prezioso 6 — Bingham 7, Moore 8, Burns 7, Train 7 — van Baar 7, O'Callaghan 8, MacLean 7, Cassar 6 — Stirtan 7, Athers 8. Coach: Jimmy Dunn.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Keogh 7 — Lloyd 7, Lewis 8, Drinoczyk 7, Geremini 7 — Wade 7, MWIRANDA & Incentalupo 7 — Cullen 7, Sweeney 3, Zinn 6. Coach: Timmy Traynor.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: 2 (Latif penalty 20th, Gilder 61st) FAWKNER 3 (Angela 12th, Cavallari 49th, Palinkas penalty 52nd). Referee: John Stojko 7.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6 — Sceri 6, Richardson 5, Bennett 6, Taylor 8 — Toal 6 (McGorian 54th), Fawkner 6, Bain 6, Mitton 5 — Gilder 8, Latif 7, Coach: John Garei er.

FAWKNER: noes 7 — Petrecelli 7, MacLeod 8, Fattore 6 (inj. Cavalier 47th), Giacomi 7 — Seglam 6 (Sabatino 67th), Angela 8, Boyle 7, Lia 8 — Tuffield 7, Palinkas 7, Coach: Gus Macleod.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Patterson 59th, Stevenson 65th) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0. Referee: Evan Venios 7.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 10 — McKie 8, Angele 7, Yankos 7, Marley 6 — Valentine 6, Selimidis 6, Tasiotis 7, Patterson 6 — Winn 5, Stevenson 9, Coach: Brian Garvey.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 8 — Petrov 7, McDowell 8, Karic 6, Lujic 6 — Curovic 6, Belic 6, Stojilovic 6 — Lazopoulos 5, Carroll 5 (Perez-Regoza 45th), Tapai 7. Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

Albion Rovers set to link with Tuku Gucu

Albion Rovers this week will amalgamate with the Turkish club, Western Tuku Gucu of Sunshine.

Albion Rovers, the first soccer club to gain a full liquor licence, has been carrying a debt for some years, and hopes to pay it off from increased income provided by the Turkish community.

Since their formation, Albion Rovers have comprised mainly Scottish members.

Under the terms of their licence, they are permitted 250 members, and the amalgamation agreement splits the membership equally between Scots and Turks.

The Turks are expected also to provide a few players.

Contrary to reports in other papers, the amalgamation is not with Royal Richmond, so no vacancy will be created in the Victorian leagues.

New coach of Albion Rovers is Ray Langdale, who replaces Bill McIntyre who has gone to Keilor-Austria.

LAURIE SCHWAB

U.K. player available

Former Nottingham Forest youngster Brian Kent, 22, wants to play in Australia. Kent currently is tied to English Northern Premier League club Workshop but can get a free to come here. He can play either in defence or in midfield and can be contacted in England on 0011-44-602-621942.

Hellas, Makedonia present Gully with tough task

Gary McDowell could make his debut for South Melbourne Hellas against Green Gully in the second of tonight's (Wednesday's) Buffalo Gold Cup double header at Olympic Park.

Hellas and Footscray J.U.S.T. have reached agreement over a transfer fee for McDowell and the deal was expected to go through as we went to press.

There's also a chance that Soceroo midfielder Kenny Murphy will be back in the Hellas line-up after successfully concluding negotiations over a new contract.

Remaining games:

Tonight (Wednesday) from 7.15 pm: Polonia v. Box Hill, Hellas v. Green Gully.

Friday: Heidelberg v. Fawkner, Juventus v. Footscray J.U.S.T.

Saturday: Hellas v. Box Hill, Makedonia v. Green Gully.

Wednesday, Feb. 13: George Cross v. Morwell Falcons, Croatia v. Polonia.

Friday, Feb. 15: Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Fawkner, Juventus v. George Cross.

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Faulkner misses, Fawkner wins

Geo. Cross 2

Fawkner 3

Glaring defensive weaknesses and problems in midfield — that's what new coach John Gardiner will be trying to erase as he attempts to consolidate Sunshine-George Cross's NSI status.

And Fawkner is only a couple of players away from being a team in a serious challenge for the 1985 State League championship. Eddie Campbell's switch from Juventus to Fawkner should finally go through this week, and Fawkner coach Gus Macleod probably will be looking for a replacement for striker Ian Tuffield who goes to the U.S. in a couple of months.

One giant plus for Sunshine-George Cross is the re-emergence of Carl Gilder, hailed a couple of seasons ago as one of the finest defenders in Victorian soccer, only to suffer a dramatic slump. Gilder last year joined Gardiner, then coaching Polonia, on loan from Sunshine-George Cross and recaptured the confidence and honed the qualities which earned him so fine a reputation. Judging by his Buffalo Gold Cup displays, Gilder at last is going to make his mark on the NSL stage.

If Sunshine-George Cross can sign Kev Adams from Melbourne Croatia, it will have gone a long way towards solving its defensive problems. A hint of things to come in last week's match was shown by the defensive blunder leading to Fawkner's opening goal in the 12th minute.

Midfielder Roger Bain missed with what should have been a simple clearance. Lou Kastner was caught out of position as a result and Fabio Angele had a simple tap in to complete a couple of goals.

Two minutes later, Steve Richardson mistimed a clearance. The ball lobbed up to Tuffield who headed wide when he should have scored.

Noel Mitten, not looking like he's enjoying his unaccustomed midfield duties, had a hand in the equaliser. He moved inside from the left and played the ball into Gilder's feet inside the Fawkner area in the 20th minute. Frank McLeod's challenge was clumsy and when Gilder hit the deck, referee John Stojko pointed to the penalty spot. Osie Latif converted.

Two minutes after replacing injured Cesare Fattore in the second half, Tiziano Cavallari got his first touch and scored. Michael Giacomi was at the near post to head in a corner and Cavallari tucked a first timer away from just four metres.

Tuffield, renowned for his heading ability, worked very hard on the ground and his powerful running, allied to the

close control and pace of Joe Palinkas, was causing all sorts of problems for Sunshine-George Cross. Tuffield was beaten inside the 'Cross area in the 51st minute and Palinkas scored from the resultant penalty.

Then came the goal of the game. Latif worked well out wide on the right, got past a defender then struck the ball toward the near post. Gilder charged in and despite having an opponent at his back, managed to deflect the ball first time past Corado Nobile. It was 3-2 and Sunshine-George Cross were in with a chance of a comeback.

Fawkner really should have had five or six goals chalked up.

One minute from time, Chris Taylor brilliantly beat two opponents out wide on the left and chipped the ball across. Jeff Faulkner, coming in from the far post, headed low and narrowly wide, and that, folks, was the end of the ball game.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

John O'Shea is the NSL's senior citizen

By
PETER
DESIRA

St George Budapest stalwart John O'Shea, one of the quiet men of Frank Arok's Socceros, has made more NSL appearances than any other player.

The quiet, efficient manner in which he plays, be it in the backline, midfield or even occasionally up front, made him indispensable to his two clubs, St George and Canberra, over the eight years of NSL competition.

O'Shea has averaged 30 league games a season, bringing his tally to 212 games in the NSL.

Of those, 156 have been with St George and in between he squeezed in 56 matches for Canberra after transferring there with his two brothers Mike and Robert soon after Raul Blanco had taken over as supremo at Budapest.

O'Shea, who has managed to score 16 goals despite playing mainly in deep positions, has a one-game lead over his nearest rival, Sydney City Hakoah's Joe Watson.

Watson has played all his 211 games with the one club — a unique achievement in an era when players invariably seek a change of club every so many years in search of the extra dollar.

O'Shea and Watson are two of five players who have reached the double century in NSL appearances.

The other three are Victorians who are younger and have a distinct possibility of overtaking both Watson and O'Shea in years to come. Jim Campbell, for whom South Melbourne Hellas has renewed its long-standing interest, is third spot with 206 appearances despite going through his leanest season in 1984, at Melbourne Croatia.

Campbell, whose strength has been coming from midfield positions to score important goals, managed only three for Croatia last season.

Campbell was relegated to substitute six times at Croatia — in stark contrast with his spell at Heidelberg.

Gary Cole, another one, who would quickly want to forget 1984, is in fourth position with 206 games while his Preston Makedonia team-



John O'Shea (left) in action for Australia, confronts John McDonald of Glasgow Rangers

mate, Zoran Ilioski, reached the 200 milestone in the last game of the 1984 season.

Cole has scored 91 goals — an average of just under one every two games.

But the striker has lost the overall top scorer title to John Kosmina who is in 22nd spot in the appearances list after missing more than one season in the NSL during a stint with Arsenal.

One player who will join the five in the 200 club in the first week of the season is Graham Honeyman who has played 189 matches for West Adelaide Hellas so far.

Phil O'Connor is also within striking distance of the exclusive set, despite spreading his services over four clubs over the eight years.

A total of 52 players have played 150 or more games in the league.

Of those, nine are no longer involved at an NSL club and cannot improve on their tallies for the coming season.

They are David Jones who has returned to West Australia after stints at West Adelaide, Adelaide City, Juven-

tus, South Melbourne Hellas and Makedonia. Dennis Boland who turns to coaching at the end of the Buffalo Gold Cup, Martyn Crook who quit West Adelaide Hellas last season, John Kondorios who now is playing in the SA State League, Branko Buljevic who retired at the end of the 1983 season, former Soccerian Allan Maher, John Kondorios who walked out on Footscray J.U.S.T. last season, John Stevenson who now is a player-coach in NSW and Jim O'Reilly who this month move from George Cross to Croydon.

Boland, Crook and Maher all are goalkeepers — which emerges as the safest position in the stratosphere, but considering the number of custodians who have played in over 100 games in the NSL.

The others include Peter Laumets of South Melbourne Hellas (149 games), Gary Meier of Sydney Olympic (145 games), Todd Clarke, Sydney Hakoah and Kim Washart, Brisbane City, both on 140 games; Phil Dando of Newcastle and Brisbane Lions (137 games); Jeff Oliver (135 games); Tony Heidelberg, and Greg Woodhouse, 111 matches for Western Suburbs, APIA and Sydney Croatia.

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Below is the list of most NSL appearances (compiled after an exhaustive research exercise lasting three weeks) who have played 100 games or more in the NSL:

The key to the figures: First figure denotes overall total of appearances inclusive of matches as substitute, the second figure breaks the overall total into full appearances and substitute appearance and the figure in brackets is the number of goals scored.

The figures after the player's name give a breakdown of appearances and goals at every club to which the player has given service.

All the figures are restricted to league games. They do not include appearances in Buffalo and NSL Cup games.

Key to abbreviations:

AC: Adelaide City
BJ: Brunswick Juventus
BKT: Blacktown
BC: British City
BL: Brisbane Lions
C: Canberra
F: Footscray JUST
GG: Green Gully
HU: Heidelberg United
LA: Leichhardt APIA
MK: Mooroolbark
MC: Melbourne Croatia
NNT: Newcastle-Rosebud
P: Preston
PC: Penrith City
SG: Sunshine George Cross
SO: Sydney Olympic
SSC: St Georges
WA: West Adelaide
Wg: Wollongong
WS: Western Suburbs (NSW)

212, 210/2 (16) O'SHEA, John 154/2 (9) StG, 56 (7) C

211, 205/6 (24) WATSON, Joe 154/2 (9) StG, 56 (7) C

206, 195/1 (55) CAMPBELL, Jim 177-5 (62) HU, 18-6 (3) MC

203, 197/6 (91) COLE, Gerv 175-2 (88) HU, 22-4 (2) Pn

200, 186/14 (21) ILOISKI, Zoran 141-8 (16) F, 45-6 (5) Pn

198, 196/2 (79) O'CONNOR, Phil 69-2 (27) StG, 52 (17) LA, 57 (28) Wg, 18 (7) Bcktn

199, 194/5 (33) HONEYMAN, Graham (WA)

195, 194/1 (4) NYSKOHUS, Bugay (AC)

197, 193/4 (8) PIMBLETT, Frank (BrC)

197, 193/4 (16) HENDERSON, Tony 51 (5) C, 142-4 (11) M

187, 186/11 (12) GAFFNEY, Larry 116-7 (12) BrC, 70-4 Wg

196, 187/9 (82) JANKOVIC, Mark 24 (4) StG, 163-9 (78) M

194, 191/3 (9) NIVEN, Alan (Br)

192, 184/8 (14) MCGREGOR, Ian (WA)

187, 183/5 (52) BAKERES, Murray (Scy)

188, 186/9 (3) PARFITT, Peter 150 (4) Ws, 29 (3) LA, 100-2 (4) BrC

185, 184/1 (9) O'CONNOR, Steve (Scy)

182, 188/2 (29) BYRNE, Gary 114 (21) M, 40 (3) C, 28 (5) Bcktn

181, 179/2 (11) STONE, Peter 150 (4) Ws, 29 (3) LA, 100-2 (4) StG

181, 168/13 (4) CANT, Jim 12-2 M, 66/1 (1) C, 90-10 (3) Scy

180, 180 (93) KOSMINA, John 67 (2) WA, 4 AC, 109 (69) Scy

176, 172/4 (11) O'SHEA, Robert 124-1 (7) StG, 48/3 (4) C

175, 162/13 (22) MELTA, Sergio (AC)

172, 156/16 (28) SENKALSKI, Joe 125-12 (21) NR, 31-4 (7) SO

172, 154/19 (9) HOGG, Steve 49/15 C, 105/3 (9) BrL

171, 171 (1) BOLAND, Dennis 165 (1) F, 6 SM

169, 168/3 (31) CIC, Zdravko F

168, 167/3 (47) SHAW, Peter 155-3 (46) M, 10-1 (1) LA

168, 156/12 (10) SELEMINS, Terry (C)

167, 162/5 (12) RASKOPOULOS, Peter 134-4 (11) SO, 28-1 (1) M

166, 165/1 (7) RUSSELL, Bobby 103/1 (6) AC, 62 (1) SM

166, 157/9 (3) HAZBENT, Igor (F)

185, 164/1 CROOK, Martyn (WA)

164, 161/3 (52) NYSKOHUS, John (AC)

164, 154/10 (12) MASON, Craig 131-10 (11) NR, 23 (1) M

163, 156/7 (22) BOZANIC, Vic 86-4 (7) WA, 50-3 (10) M, 20 (5) LA

161, 144/17 (43) BULJIEV, Branko 74 (2) HU, 70-17 (22) SM

160, 158/2 (10) RATCLIFFE, David 79/2 (5) BrC, 79 (5) StG

160, 151/9 (32) HEYS, Graham 67-6 (19) NR, 60 (9) WA, 24-3 (4) Pn

159, 159 (15) MAHER, Allan (M)

159, 157/2 (16) KONDARIOS, Jim (F)

159, 156/12 (28) LEVISON, John 101 (24) Scy, 47-2 (4) SM, 8-1 (SGC)

159, 152/7 (1) TRIMBLETT, Peter 44-16 (2) NR, 52 (6) Wg, 56-1 (7) LA

157, 153/4 D'REILLY, Jim 82-1 (2) F, 51-3 HU, 20 (SGC)

157, 129/28 (24) MARIANI, Bertie 103-28 (21) 26-2 (3) LA

155, 155 (5) BENNETT, Col (Br)

155, 147/8 (38) KATHOLOS, Peter 30-5 (5) StG, 117-3 (3) SO

153, 152/1 (39) BYRNE, Terry (C)

153, 150/3 (25) CAMPBELL, George 101-3 (17) SM, 49 (8) Pn

152, 152 (1) Mc MILLAN, Arthur (HU)

150, 139/11 (9) ONTONG, Paul 22/3 (4) Mk, 81/7 (5) BrL, 36/1 C

149, 149 (7) BERTOGNA, Arno 52 (2) NR, 44 (1) Wg, 53 (4) LA

149, 149 LAUMETS, Peter (SM)

149, 140/9 (48) OLLERTON, Peter 33 (13) SM, 10 (2) M, 35 (7) F, 62-9 (24) Pn

149, 131/18 (15) TAYLOR, Ken 103-17 (15) HU, 28-1 F

148, 148 (5) WILSON, Peter 46 (3) Ws, 102 (2) LA

148, 147 (6) COOPER, Ben 52 (26) HU, 74-7 (36) Scy, 11-4 (2) ScR

146, 146 (13) HERMISON, Brian 103-5 (42) BrC, 107 (9) BrL

146, 135/11 (11) O'DONNELL, Brian 26 (1) Ws, 11 (1) LA, 47 (8) Bcktn, 40-5 (1) F

145, 144/1 MEIER, Gary (SO)

145, 141/4 (16) ROONEY, Jim 52 (11) M, 89-4 (5) HU

145, 140/5 (18) YENDOORI, John 89-3 (11) HU, 51-2 (7) SM

143, 141/2 (6) WILLIS, Peter 49 (NR, 92-2 (6) Wg)

142, 140/2 (10) JENNINGS, Graham (SO)

142, 140/2 (10) DAVIDSON, Alan (SM)

141, 141 PRASKOLO, Ivo (M)

140, 140 CLARKE, Todd (SC)

140, 140 WISHART, Kim (BrC)

140, 139/1 (19) DRINKWATER, Roy 9-1 BrL, 124 (1) NR, 6 ScR

138, 137/1 (7) BUTLER, Terry (LA)

137, 135/2 DANDO, Phil 113-1 R, 22-1 BrL

135, 133/3 HUGHES, Alan 31-2 (3) LA, 32-4 (2) BrC, 60-7 (15) BrL

135, 132/3 (12) RICE, Peter 108-3 (12) SM, 23 BrL

135, 123/12 (56) PATON, Jamie 89-5 (42) HU, 35-7 (14) F

135, 121/14 (26) PALINKAS, Joe 71/2 (17) F, 50-5 (9) BrC

135, 113/22 (22) MC LAREN, Don 87/22 (18) C, 26 (4) SGC

134, 132/2 (10) McGACHEY, Neil (WA)

134, 127/7 (12) SPANOS, John 77-4 (8) Scy, 30 (3) HU, 21-3 M

134, 122/12 (43) COTTON, Roy 32-8 (11) StG, 10-2 (3) SO, 55-2 (22) Wg, 25 (7) PC

133, 124/9 (2) NORTHCUP, Brian (AC)

132, 121/9 (5) MULLEN, Kevin (Scy)

129, 127/2 (13) CURRAN, Col 26 (2) Ws, 101-2 (11) NR

129, 125/4 O'SHEA, Mike 88/3 (9) StG, 37/1 C

129, 124/5 (5) BLAIR, Steve (SM)

129, 119/10 (17) JONES, David (NR)

128, 128 (4) XANTHOPoulos, Arthur (SM)

126, 126/11 (12) BROWN, Ken 85-12 (15) SO, 3-3 StG, 25 (3) PME

127, 127 (12) PERIN, Alan (AC)

127, 123/4 (2) PULLEN, Mark (LA)

125, 125 OLVER, Jeff (HU)

125, 123/2 MILOVANOVIC, Mike 81/1 C, 23 Bcktn, 19/1 BrC

125, 117/8 (16) MAROCCO, Gary (AC)

123, 118/5 ROBERTSON, Alex (Scy)

122, 121/1 (4) WILKINSON, Billy (BrC)

122, 120/2 (5) MOULIS, Danny 93/1 (4) C, 27/1 SO

118, 114/4 (19) HAMILTON, Bobby (BrC)

118, 113/5 (21) PICODANE, Joe 100 (20) F, 13-5 (1) M

118, 111/7 (16) SILVA, Hilton 88-5 (14) Scy, 23-2 (2) M

118, 109/9 (3) CROSS, Mike 81-1 (3) SO, 28 PC

117, 113/4 (12) MCINTOSH, Dave 63-4 (10) SO, 25 (1) StG, 25 (1) PC

117, 111/6 SKELLERIN, Rod 24-1 Ws, 71-5 LA, 16 Bcktn

115, 109/6 (12) PATIKAS, Jim 44-14 (10) Scy, 55-2 (13) SO

115, 103/12 (23) SOUTHERN, Tom (LA)

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Aussies taste the euphoria of Beckenbauer

An uncharacteristic change has come over the West German national team since Franz Beckenbauer took control more than six months ago — and football fans across the country are loving it.

For a start, the side has a good chance of qualifying for the World Cup finals in Mexico next year but, more importantly, Beckenbauer wants West Germans to be part of the bid.

He is taking the team to the public and the supporters are relishing every moment.

It is a stark change from previous coaching regimes where typical German organisation meant the team was largely kept behind closed doors. Their job was to play football, not fraternise with the fans.

But Beckenbauer is a man of modern times and admits such practices are attitudes of the past. "The national team must be an extension of the people," he says.

And when possibly the greatest footballer the world has known invites the fans to take part in the country's World Cup bid, the reaction is enormous. Thousands are turning out to watch training sessions and tickets for home matches are sold out weeks in advance.

It has not been easy for Beckenbauer. First he im-

By GEOFF STEAD

curred the wrath of the country's top "football teachers", who have studied for years for their coaching qualifications and were most perturbed when Beckenbauer, with not one certificate to his credit, got the country's top job.

The solution offered by the DFB, the ruling national body, was to call Beckenbauer "team chief" and leave the "coaching" to Horst Koppel, Beckenbauer's highly qualified and well-esteemed right-hand man.

Then, in the scheme under Beckenbauer, West Germany played an uninspiring scoreless draw. It was hardly the start the fans had been expecting.

But late last year, when the World Cup qualifying matches started, and when it counted most, things came together. Most who saw the game will remember a relieved Beckenbauer wiping his brow as he stepped from the dugout after West Germany scored its first goal mid-way through the second half.

It was the turning point for West Germany, which had started to become bogged in a slump on the world football scene.

And 12 young Queenslanders were given the unique and unforgettable opportunity of not only witnessing the triumph, but they were able to play a part in it.

The youngsters were taking part in the third annual Lufthansa-sponsored soccer tour to West Germany. The independently-organised tours are the brainchild of former State League coach George Pagan and sports addict Bill James, from Lufthansa.

The pair took a risk when they first took a side to West Germany three years ago, but the tour has been one of success after another. As an observer and player on last year's tour, I can easily vouch that the facilities and level of coaching offered could not be bettered.

As in the previous two years, the tour was based at the well-appointed Hennef Sportschule — one of the best soccer training venues in West Germany.

And for the first three days of their 10-day stay, the youngsters could hardly believe who were their co-boarders at the school. There, walking in the same corridors, eating in the same dining halls and using the same training facilities were players they had only seen in glossy soccer magazines.

Rummenigge, Forester, Schumacher, Allofs and Beckenbauer himself to name but a few, and they were all ready and willing to give a quick smile, stop for an autograph or pose for a photo.

And when the youngsters trained on a field alongside the Germans, the 3000-strong crowd that turned up to watch the national team peered inquisitively at the Australians.

"It was one of those experiences of a lifetime," tour leader Pagan said.

To cap the experience, tickets were arranged for the Queenslanders and they cheered alongside 60,000 as West Germany scored a 2-0 win over lack-lustre defending Sweden.

The match was indeed an experience, but only one of many highlights of the tour.



The accommodation hall at the picturesque Hennef Sports School. The early morning shot shows some of the earlybirds, who had gathered from dawn, in the hope of seeing some of the West German national team players staying at Hennef.

One lunch time the youngsters were visited by former FIFA staff coach Dettmar Cramer. The bubbling Cramer, who made a coaching tour of Australia more than 20 years ago, is still one of the best known soccer experts in West Germany and now coaches First Division side FC Leverkusen.

Cramer invited a small group to attend a training session and Pagan was among those who witnessed a steaming two-hour indoor fitness workout that included aerobics, weights and sprints.

It was a delight to watch such professionalism from Cramer and his players. There was no messing about, they were there with a job to do and did it in the most efficient manner possible," Pagan said.

And staying at Hennef awoke the young Queenslanders, whose ages range from 14 to 22 years, to the facilities that are available to soccer players in other countries.

The Hennef sports school quite simply is a soccer player's delight.

The school is owned by the Mid-Rhine Federation, which boasts more than 600 clubs. The clubs contributed funds to build the facility more than 20 years ago. The only government assistance was a handout from West Germany Football Lotto.

Now the sports school is virtually self-funding as the Mid-Rhine Federation has opened the doors of the complex to even sports clubs.

Less wealthy sports can't afford the facilities but don't begrudge paying for them. And as the school is near fully booked the entire year, returns go close to covering running costs.

But soccer is the main sport at the school and groups use it for a wide range of activities including match preparation, intensive training, coaching courses and skill clinics.

The big attraction is that Hennef offers hôte-style accommodation and meals with world-class training facilities outdoors — and indoors.

Set deep in a lush pine forest, Hennef is a training paradise. There is accommodation for 250 people and each room has its own toilet and shower.

Although primarily a soccer training facility, with one indoor and four outdoor fields, Hennef also boasts an indoor swimming pool, indoor and outdoor tennis and basketball courts and a gymnasium hall which can cater for sports ranging from aerobics to wrestling.

And it is not unique. The school is one of nearly a dozen throughout West Germany.

The young Queenslanders, who came from as far as Cairns and Rockhampton as well as Brisbane, practised twice daily for 10 days under the expert tuition of highly qualified West Germany Uwe Hausmanns, who

has coached all three Lufthansa soccer tours to Hennef.

Hausmanns, who presently coaches top amateur side FC Bonner but is tipped to break into the "big time" soon, is one of 700 "football teachers" in West Germany. It is the top level in soccer coaching and the title is awarded only after years of experience and an intensive six-month course.

And to keep them abreast of modern developments, football teachers must sit for a 60-hour refresher course every six months — usually at one of the sports schools.

The benefit of Hausmanns' expertise, combined with the enthusiasm of the Queenslanders, proved a winning formula.

Although many of the players met each other for the first at the airport when they left Brisbane, they combined into a team which won four of its five games against local West Germany sides.

The "Queensland team", which also had to adapt to playing at first on soft well-grassed fields, then on the all-weather "ash" surfaces used extensively across West Germany, scored an amazing 15 goals. The team's last two games were 4-1 and 5-1 romps while the side's only loss was a narrow 1-2 defeat at the hands of the skillful and typically well-drilled FC Metz.

The players too had to adapt to the main German marking system preached by Hausmanns and were asked to play with ball control and skill. They were drilled repeatedly in feinting, turning and beating their man, then unloading or shooting.

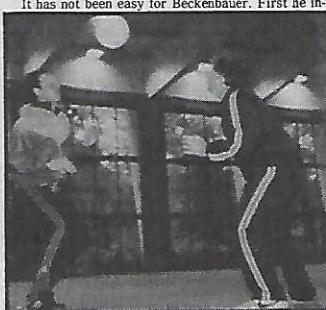
When it attacked, the side spread wide searching for gaps in the opposing defence and when it lost the ball it quickly contracted into defensive fans rotating out from the goal.

The system was a lot different to the style played by many of the boys before, but Hausmanns' great ability is to get his ideas across simply and quickly and by the end of the tour, the Queenslanders were well-drilled outfit.

"Every year I have taken sides away, the boys seem to rally together in the games and surprise the West Germans with their commitment and enthusiasm. This year's side was no exception and I am sure all the boys returned to Australia as better players," Pagan said.

Plans are already underway for another tour to Hennef this year and organisers plan to extend their network to attract players from interstate. Already 28 players from Victoria have indicated interest in the tour and it seems several touring teams will be formed this year.

• Anyone interested in obtaining further details on this year's tour can telephone (07) 229 2666 (Bill James) or (07) 311 451 (George Pagan).



West German "football teacher" Uwe Hausmanns (left), practices heading with Queensland under 15 coach George Pagan in the magnificent indoor soccer stadium at Hennef.

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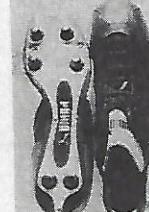
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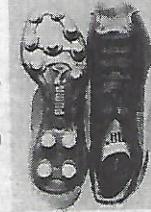
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Christopoulos fuming over all the red tape

George Christopoulos is angry and frustrated.

Angry with the stance adopted by Canberra coach Doug Collins over Christopoulos's pending transfer to Heidelberg and frustrated by an NSL ruling which stops Heidelberg signing new players until its debt to the league is sorted out.

On January 11, NSW's \$100,000 membership money for the NSL fell through last year, the league was forced to impose a \$10,000 levy on its 24 member clubs. As we went to press, Heidelberg and South Melbourne Hellas were the only Victorian clubs yet to arrange a scheme of payment for the \$10,000.

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Blacktown's Knight an Aussie rep

By ALEX VESIC

Stephen Knight, one of the most promising youngsters on the NSW scene, is set to make the big time with Blacktown City in the NSL. Transferred from State League club Auburn during December, Knight was delighted to have found a place in an NSL outfit.

Raised at Sydney Olympic among an array of youth players such as Kousassas, Dakos, Kalantzis and Patalis, Knight was regarded as the most promising. However, he surprised by moving to State



Steve Knight (right) with Allan Beck, a fellow member of the 1984 Australian indoor soccer team.

League club Ku-Ring-Gai in 1983, then Auburn in 1984, making a sound contribution to the success of these two sides.

He was picked for the indoor NSW State side, then for an Australian indoor representative team which toured New Zealand at the end of last year.

New Zealand had eight representative players just back from a tour of England on duty in this tournament!

That didn't do much to deter

the enthusiasm of the young Aussie team which won the last match against New Zealand 2-0 to win the series 5-4.

If this is an indication of New Zealand's strength, then Frank Aron will surely have nothing to worry about.

Would the new Demon like to play for Australia?

I'd love to, but I'd prefer to take one thing at a time. See how I fare with Blacktown, then I'll think about the rest," said Knight.

That didn't do much to deter

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Which all adds up to an annoying period in limbo for Christopoulos, who has made 13 Socceroo appearances, played for Victoria, Hellas, Canberra and Greek First Division club AEK Athens and is champing at the bit to pull on a Heidelberg strip.

"I spoke to Doug Collins last week and I got a bit angry with him. Heidelberg have been trying to get in touch with him, but he has not done so. Our club has now got \$100,000 membership money for the NSL fell through last year, the league was forced to impose a \$10,000 levy on its 24 member clubs. As we went to press, Heidelberg and South Melbourne Hellas were the only Victorian clubs yet to arrange a scheme of payment for the \$10,000.

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Heidelberg wanted Christopoulos to appeal against the \$20,000 put on his head by Canberra but Christopoulos refused, even though Canberra received \$10,000 last year in a loan payment for his services from AEK Athens.

"I've had enough of tribunals. They're just not fair as far as I'm concerned. When I joined Canberra from Hellas I had a \$10,000 maximum transfer fee clause in my contract but Hellas won their case at the tribunal which ruled that I should be valued at \$20,000. I was staggered, but Canberra was silly enough to pay the money."

Christopoulos returned from Greece last year and played the last 10 games of the NSL season with Canberra.

"I agreed to play with Canberra for only basic match payments. I told Doug Collins that I would be leaving at the end of the season and he said that he wouldn't be putting an unreasonable fee on my head."

"AEK's already given Canberra \$10,000 for me as a loan payment, so I don't understand why Canberra is asking Heidelberg to pay \$20,000."



George Christopoulos



Doug Collins

No-one wants to lead Hellas

The immediate future of 1984 Australian champion South Melbourne Hellas is uncertain following the decision of president Leo Anezakis not to stand for re-election at the club's annual general meeting on Sunday, February 17.

"My business is suffering and I must devote much more time to it," said Anezakis, who has spent 10 years in an administrative capacity with Hellas.

"I've had my ups and downs but at least I've finished on a high note. I've left the club with 11 top players and a champion cup."

The problem now faced by Hellas is that no-one seems keen on assuming the presidential responsibilities.

"There could be big trouble at the meeting," said Anezakis.

It's believed that Hellas has a \$50,000 overdraft but knowing the loyalty and size of the support enjoyed by the club, that overdraft can be wiped off easily.

If the AGM fails to find a successor to Anezakis and an appeal is made to him to remain, would be respond favorably?

"I don't know. I just don't know. Everything is up in the air," he said.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

Indoor soccer has world at its feet

Twenty-one Victorian indoor soccer players in various age groups have been selected to represent Australia in forthcoming overseas tours.

The Australian Indoor Soccer Federation recently held its 3rd National Championships in Canberra, involving 127 teams from centres throughout Australia. Over 1200 players competed in a fiercely contested tournament, with the Victorian under 15 boys winning their section.

Five State teams, 11 club teams, the Latrobe Valley, Geelong, Bendigo and Bayswater competed, and the following players have been selected in the 1984 Australian teams.

All age men — Harry Birmingham, Nigel Browne, Paul Brabbin and Frank Dugilio.

All Age Women — Marie van Egmond, Anne Bawden, Suzanne Cassar.

Youth under 20 — Dion Tanti, Mark Cassar, Anthony Cassar.

Junior Youth 17-18 — John Perra, Mark Aretis, Michael Pitsoundakas.

Boys Under 16 — Vlado

Semjanic, Jerry Graljuk, Robert Nogger, Joseph Zadkovic, Tony Neal, Angelo Christopoulos, Craig Whitehouse.

Boys Under 15 — Rodney Rose.

The Australian President, Joe Brent of Sydney, has just returned from a world trip, organising the 1985 itinerary for the teams as follows.

All Age Men — Spain for World Indoor Soccer Cup organised by Fifusa.

All Age Women — Holland.

Youth under 20 — Brazil.

Junior Youth 17-18 — Holland and England.

Boys Under 16 — Against Italy in Australia.

Boys Under 15 — Japan.

Boys Under 14 — Japan.

The All Age Men's team will be coached by John Major of the Latrobe Valley who coached both the Victorian and Latrobe Valley teams during the national championships.

Bye Metro, hello Vic

Prithviraj Slavia, SM-Mardialloc v South Oakleigh, Ballarat v Sandringham, Fortuna v Doncaster Rovers, Hallam Park v Waverley City.

Lawson, Traikovski, Heery on move

The Victorian leagues

• Doncaster Rovers' new coach, Billy Millen, was trying to sign defender Steve Lawson from Bell Park as we went to press.

There's just \$500 on the head of the former Slavia and George Cross player.

Transfer-listed Croydon full-back Mike Rainey trained with Rovers two weeks ago but

Millen isn't confident about winning Rainey's services.

Rovers have lost striker Chris Middlemast, who has returned to Nunawading City, and Keith Humble looks likely to join Springvale City.

Off the field, however, Rovers are in far better shape and hope to complete the building of their \$300,000 clubrooms by June.

• Sunbury was trying to sign goalkeeper George Paton from Coburg and midfielder George Traikovski from Melbourne as we went to press.

Coach Mike Lynn has retained last year's first team squad and is confident of success.

"Sunbury is the best organised club I've been associated with," said Lynn.

Up front, Lynn has four players vying for regular first-team spots. They are: Steve McMillan (ex-Albion Rovers), Sabbie Magnani (Thomastown), local player Martin Catterson and former Prahran City striker Danny Tracey.

• Melbourne has signed Tony Heery, last year's Metro Third Division best and fairest player, from Prahran Celtic and Gerry Edmonson from Doveton but Ernie Japan has joined Footscray J.S.T. and goalkeeper Ernie Toth is holidaying overseas.

Player-coach Paddy Bannon was trying to sign Tibor Drincky, a tall central defender, and Joe Kiss from Sunbury.

Utility player Philip Diamataris also could join Melbourne. He's appealing against the transfer fee put on his head by Caulfield City.

Melbourne defeated South Oakleigh 3-0 in a friendly game last Saturday. Heery scored twice and Bannon got the other goal.

• A president-coach, that's the novel set-up at Kew Park Rangers where Alby McCormack will be a very busy man both on and off the field. Mick Ward has reserves team coach. Andy Smale has joined new State League club Thomastown and Kew is on the lookout for a central defender and a striker.

• Ligar United Stags coach John Kalmejic was trying to sign Jim Balicki from Preston Macedonia and Chris Karamitans from Thomastown as we went to press.

Ligar now boasts new \$400,000 clubrooms, courtesy of the Whittlesea Shire.



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Countdown to Mexico '86

Billed as the "30 days of Mexico", the timetable for the 1986 world cup finals has been announced by soccer's world governing body, FIFA.

The competition involving 24 teams, playing 52 games in nine cities, opens on May 31 next year, when Italy begins its defence of the title.

Over the next 13 days, 35 group matches will be staged before the competition becomes a knock-out.

After a rest day, 16 teams will go into a second round played between June 15 and 18.

Two rest days will precede the quarter-finals, due to be staged on June 21 and 22 and after two more rest days, the semi-finals will be held on June 24.

The two teams to contest the third-fourth place play-off will have two more days to prepare before their match on June 28 and the final will be held on June 29.

Both the opening game and the final will be held at the 10,000 seater Aztec Stadium in Mexico City.

The timetable has been published in "FIFA Magazine" and one of its editors, Guido Tognoni, said the framework of the group matches would avoid a repeat of the West Germany-Austria match at the last finals in Spain 1982, when both teams knew exactly what they needed to achieve in the game in order to qualify for the next round.

The game lost its competitive edge when the Germans led 1-0, a scoreline which meant both teams would qualify.

"The third set of matches in each group will take place at the same time," said Tognoni. "In this way all the teams will have to play at full power."

Let's look at the qualifying timetable:

1986 WORLD CUP Qualifying rounds

EUROPE

Group 1 (Poland, Belgium, Greece, Albania)

17.10.84 Belgium — Albania 3-1

17.10.84 Poland — Greece 3-1

31.10.84 Poland — Albania 2-2

19.12.84 Greece — Belgium 0-0

22.12.84 Albania — Belgium 2-0

27.2.85 Greece — Albania 3-5

27.3.85 Belgium — Greece 1-0

17.4.85 Albania — Greece 1-0

1.5.85 Belgium — Poland 1-0

18.5.85 Greece — Poland 1-0

30.5.85 Albania — Poland 1-0

11.9.85 Poland — Belgium 1-0

W D L F A P t

Hungary — 3 0 0 7 3 6

Austria — 1 0 1 4 4 3

Holland — 1 0 2 2 3 2

Cyprus — 0 0 3 2 5 0

Group 6 (Sov Union, Denmark, Rep Ireland, Switzerland, Norway)

12.9.84 Rep Ireland — Sov Union 0-0

12.9.84 Norway — Switzerland 0-1

25.9.84 Denmark — Norway 1-0

10.10.84 Norway — Sov Union 1-1

17.10.84 Switzerland — Denmark 1-0

17.10.84 Norway — Rep Ireland 1-0

14.11.84 Denmark — Rep Ireland 3-0

17.4.85 Austria — Switzerland 1-0

17.4.85 Switzerland — Norway 1-0

13.11.85 Switzerland — Norway 1-0

13.11.85 Rep Ireland — Denmark 2-1

W D L F A P t

Denmark — 2 0 1 4 1 1

Switzerland — 2 0 0 2 0 2

Rep Ireland — 1 0 2 1 4 2

Norway — 1 0 2 1 2 1

Group 7 (Spain, Scotland, Wales, Iceland)

12.9.84 Spain — Malta 4-0

12.9.84 Spain — Portugal 0-1

14.10.84 Portugal — Czechoslovakia 2-1

17.10.84 W. Germany — Sweden 2-0

31.10.84 Czechoslovakia — Malta 4-0

14.11.84 Portugal — Sweden 1-3

17.12.84 Malta — W. Germany 2-3

2.1.85 Malta — Portugal 2-0

24.2.85 Portugal — W. Germany 2-3

27.3.85 W. Germany — Malta 2-0

20.11.85 Malta — Czechoslovakia 4-0

1.12.85 Czechoslovakia — Malta 4-0

5.6.86 Spain — Czechoslovakia 1-0

25.8.86 Spain — Portugal 1-0

12.10.85 Portugal — Malta 1-0

16.10.85 Czechoslovakia — Sweden 1-0

16.10.85 W. Germany — Malta 1-0

17.11.85 W. Germany — Czechoslovakia 1-0

27.5.86 Finland — Sweden 1-0

12.8.86 Finland — Norway 1-0

17.10.86 Norway — Finland 1-0

12.11.86 Finland — Norway 1-0

W D L F A P t

Poland — 1 0 1 5 3 3

Albania — 1 1 1 5 5 3

Belgium — 1 1 1 3 3 3

Greece — 0 1 1 1 3 1

Group 2 (West Germany, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Portugal, Malta)

23.5.84 Sweden — Malta 4-0

12.9.84 Sweden — Portugal 0-1

12.9.84 Denmark — Albania 2-2

19.12.84 Greece — Belgium 0-0

22.12.84 Albania — Belgium 2-0

27.2.85 Greece — Albania 3-5

27.3.85 Belgium — Greece 1-0

17.4.85 Albania — Greece 1-0

17.4.85 Portugal — Poland 1-0

1.5.85 Belgium — Poland 1-0

18.5.85 Greece — Poland 1-0

30.5.85 Albania — Poland 1-0

11.9.85 Poland — Belgium 1-0

W D L F A P t

Poland — 1 0 1 5 3 3

Albania — 1 1 1 5 5 3

Belgium — 1 1 1 3 3 3

Greece — 0 1 1 1 3 1

Group 3 (Spain, Scotland, Wales, Iceland)

12.9.84 Spain — Malta 1-3

17.10.84 Spain — Portugal 3-0

10.11.84 Portugal — Czechoslovakia 2-1

14.11.84 Scotland — Spain 3-1

14.11.84 Wales — Iceland 2-1

27.2.85 Spain — Scotland 2-7

27.3.85 Scotland — Wales 4-0

30.4.85 Wales — Spain 3-0

2.5.86 Spain — Portugal 1-3

12.5.86 Portugal — Spain 1-3

17.5.86 Spain — Scotland 1-3

21.5.86 Scotland — Spain 1-3

25.9.85 Spain — Iceland 1-0

W D L F A P t

Spain — 2 0 0 6 1 4

Spain — 1 0 1 4 3 2

Iceland — 1 0 2 2 5 2

Wales — 0 0 3 5 2

Note: Runners-up of European Groups 1 and 6 to play-off home and away to decide one team for finals; runners-up of European Group 7 to play home and away against winners of Oceania/Israel group for one place in finals.

CONCACAF

Group 1:

29.7.84 El Salvador — Puerto Rico 5-0

5.8.84 Puerto Rico — El Salvador 0-3

16.9.84 Nth. Antilles — USA 0-0

6.10.84 USA — Nth. Antilles 4-0

2.11.84 Costa Rica — Barbados 0-0

11.11.84 Benin — Benin 1-0

21.10.84 Ivory Coast — Gabon 4-0

4.11.84 Gabon — Ivory Coast 3-2

20.10.84 Nigeria — USA 3-0

31.11.84 Liberia — Nigeria 0-1

7.1.85 Nigeria — Gabon 4-0 on agg

12.1.85 Gabon — Nigeria 1-0

17.1.85 Nigeria — Gabon 1-0

22.1.85 Gabon — Nigeria 1-0

27.1.85 Nigeria — Gabon 1-0

W D L F A P t

Costa Rica — 2 0 0 6 1 4

Costa Rica — 1 0 1 4 3 2

Barbados — 1 0 2 2 5 2

Ivory Coast — 0 0 3 5 2

Nigeria — 4 0 0 6 1 0

Gabon — 0 0 0 6 1 0

Nigeria — 0 0 0 6 1 0

Gabon — 0 0 0 6 1 0

Nigeria — 0 0 0 6

England, Italy the big winners

England's stunning 9-1 win over Malta and Italy's big 6-1 win over Scotland highlighted the opening games in the Medibank Private World Cup for under 14's which kicked off at Egan Lee Reserve last weekend.

Organisers of the competition received a jolt with the withdrawal of Vietnam and Ireland but the draw has been revamped to include byes in the groups in which these teams were to play.

Last weekend's results:
Group "A": England 9
Malta 1, Rest of the World 0
Chile 9.

Group "B": Greece 1
Yugoslavia 1, Hispania bye.

Group "C": Scotland 1
Italy 6, Lebanon 3 Holland 0.

Group "D": Australia 6
Rest of the World 1 (played as a friendly), Hungary 0 Turkey 6 (subject to protest by Hungary).

This Saturday's games:
Group "A": England v Rest of the World.

Group "B": Yugoslavia v Hispania.

Group "C": Scotland v Lebanon.

Group "D": Australia v Hungary.

This Sunday's games:
Group "A": Malta v Chile.

Group "B": Greece bye.

Group "C": Italy v Holland.

Group "D": Turkey bye.



• Victoria MLA Peter Spyker, with an England player, kicks off the inaugural Medibank Private Junior World Cup for under 14's. Referee Ron Dixon is in the background. Pictures by ROD McCLEOD.



Mr. Spyker addresses the crowd during the opening ceremony of the Medibank Private Junior World Cup. Other guests pictured, from left: Knox City councillors Hayes, Wallace, Blaze and Mayor Draper, organiser Tony Kennedy and VSF secretary George Wallace.

Think again, Channel 0

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



What a major blow it is to Australian soccer that 0/28 has cut back its soccer content. It's also a hard move to fathom for soccer is the one thing that unites our multicultural society.

And I thought that the Special Broadcasting Service, of which 0/28 is the flagship, was set up as a long overdue government acknowledgement of the needs of the various ethnic groups which make up this nation.

Why then, does soccer get the chop?

And what does it signify to the other codes in Australia? That Australian soccer is on the decline?

Let's hope that someone can pull a few strings and make

the people in charge of programming at 0/28 realise the importance attached to soccer by almost every ethnic group in Australia.

Bocce interests a specific ethnic group, as does Gaelic football and hurling. Soccer speaks a common language.

Big year for soccer

Well, we're just about to get our 1985 soccer extravaganza underway. We've got World Youth Cup qualifying games, World Cup qualifying games, a big tournament in June featuring clubs from Greece, Italy and England and, of course, the ESL season kicks off next month.

That's certainly a heavy schedule but let's all get right behind the young Socceros and the seniors and hope like hell that they fight every inch of the way and make it to their respective World Cup finals.

Money trouble

Clubs around the world are suffering serious cash flow problems. Australian clubs are different.

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business backgrounds in such areas.

Hopefully, your coach can coach and your players can play too!

My club, Olympic, is having all sorts of money problems but negotiations are underway right now to alleviate the situation and Olympic hopes to clinch a big sponsorship deal which will ease its financial worries.

For a change, Olympic has set a firm budget for its deals this year and will break even of its 1985 operations.

On the playing side of things, Jim Patikas has joined Sydney Croatia for \$25,000.

Jim Ziras is back after spending a year on loan to APIA. Jim and our coach, Manfred Scherzer have settled their differences and I'm expecting big things from Jim this year.

Also, we've got Arthur Swinton back. Arthur had a erratic, zigzag career, operation and has been out of soccer for a year and a half. He's made a remarkable recovery though and he'll be pushing hard for a first team-spot.

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Graham Jennings, Peter Raskopoulos and Marshall Soper haven't signed for this season yet but I reckon that they'll stay even though St George is supposed to be interested in Marshall.

All in all, I predict a big season for Olympic. We'll be right up there, just like we were last year.

Terry who?

Terry Patilis, the forgotten man at Olympic, is back from trials in Greece with Olympiakos and Ethnikos.

Terry had a great time over there and before he left, Olympiakos offered him a contract, which is tremendous news for him. There's every chance that Terry will be heading off to Greece this June.

He'll make it over there, too, provided his confidence is up. Terry's that kind of player. He's fast, he's strong and he's skilful, but if his confidence isn't high you don't see the best of him. So let's hope that Terry gets his old confidence back.

O'Donnell on transfer

Footscray J.U.S.T. midfielder Brian O'Donnell, 26, is on the transfer list at his own request.

He played NSL soccer with Blacktown, APIA and Western Suburbs before joining J.U.S.T. In between he was back home in England, playing for Bournemouth. He also has played for English clubs Bristol Rovers and Torquay.

O'Donnell, 26, is available for \$7500 — the maximum transfer fee in his contract.

He can be contacted on (03) 763 8861 and is willing to move to Sydney if the right offer comes along.

Si chiama Margaritis il destino della Juve?



La Buffalo Gold Cup, la competizione pre-campionato in notturna del Victoria, è stata una doccia fredda per la Juventus di Melbourne ed i suoi tifosi che quest'anno avevano buoni motivi di attendersi grandi cose.

Dopo tre partite la formazione bianconera ha subito una netta sconfitta per mano dell'Heidelberg e collezionato due scadenti pareggi con le due italiane della Lega Statale, Fawkner e Morwell.

Due punti in tre partite, e il gioco medieco messo in mostra, sono troppo poco per una squadra che sulla carta avrebbe dovuto qualificarsi per le semifinali con 11 vittorie facili' sia per la consistenza del suo parco giocatori, sia per la relativa facilità del girone in cui era capitata.

Vuol dire questo che le aspettative per la stagione 1985 erano superiori alle reali capacità della squadra. Tut'altrò!

La squadra che l'anno scorso era finita quinta nel girone meridionale della Lega Nazionale (e che avrebbe potuto fare molto di più se non fosse stata decimata da una serie incredibile di infortuni) quest'anno è ancora molto più forte con l'insertimento di due ottimi giocatori come Peter Lewis e Paul Wade ed il recupero di Fabio Incalalupo e può perciò sicuramente aspirare a battersi per le prime posizioni in campionato... purché si risolva il grave problema di direzione tecnica che si è creato dalla fine del campionato.

Con troppa leggerezza i dirigenti della Juventus avevano lasciato andare l'allenatore John Margaritis, uno dei migliori tecnici sulla scena calcistica australiana, che era riuscito in due anni a sollevare il rendimento della squadra ben al di sopra delle sue capacità tecniche.

La Juventu di Margaritis aveva dimostrato di avere uno schema di gioco abbastanza redizioso e piacevole da guardare ed il tecnico era riuscito a coprire le molte falce che si erano aperte nello schieramento bianconero con inovativi spostamenti e con una impeccabile disciplina in campo.

Inoltre, cosa di importanza fondamentale, Margaritis aveva saldamente in mano il timone della squadra poiché tutti i giocatori avevano la massima fiducia nella sua leadership ed accettavano senza alcuna discussione le sue istruzioni e i suoi schemi.

Purtroppo le cose non sono

andate per il verso giusto e non solo per colpa di Trynor. A causa di un certo disastro amministrativo risultato dal cambio di guardia in alcune posizioni chiave del comitato e dal fatto che quest'anno la stagione calcistica e' stata anticipata di molto, il malcapitato nuovo allenatore si e' trovato a dover iniziare la coppa notturna senza un libero (Dowin in vacanza e Brown inviato nelle pratiche di residenza di alcuni giocatori) e con molti altri giocatori a corto di preparazione tecniche appena rientrate dalle vacanze.

I risultati perciò hanno deluso le grandi aspettative del comitato e dei tifosi e distrutto quasi completamente il morale dell'allenatore e dei giocatori. A questo punto e' ancora impossibile giudicare Trynor in quanto a capacità di tecnico. Ma purtroppo per lui, la situazione creatasi alla Juventus e' tale che non gli permetterà mai di rifiarsi contestato dal pubblico, con una squadra che sta andando da una parte a un'altra, e la cui storia di successi non scosse, ha ormai piu' alcuna speranza di risalire alla cima. E' un peccato, ma purtroppo questa e' la realtà.

Anche se a malincuore e' perciò arrivato il momento di accettare la situazione inevitabile e probabilmente costosa: esonerare Trynor e cercare di riportare alla Juventus Margaritis.

Noi non abbiamo mai creduto alla facile soluzione di cambiare tecnico facendo dell'allenatore il capro espiatorio. Non lo abbiamo creduto l'anno scorso quando si voleva la testa di Margaritis perché la squadra senza molti dei suoi titolari infortunati aveva imbrogliato un periodo negativo; non l'avevamo creduto nemmeno due anni prima quando un gruppo di tifosi aveva addirittura organizzato una petizione al comitato per far licenziare Tommy Boggi. In tutte e due questi casi la squadra si riprese finendo i rispettivi campionati in crescendo.

L'unico caso in cui crediamo che l'esonerò del tecnico sia necessario, seppur spicciolo, e' quando il tecnico ha perso la fiducia in se stesso e l'autorità sui giocatori. Sfortunatamente questo e' proprio il caso di Trynor ed era stato licenziato durante il campionato.

La breve esperienza al George Cross non aveva dato modo di poter rendersi conto delle reali capacità di Trynor quindi egli era una grande incognita che, in mancanza di meglio, valeva pur la pena di provare.

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che il comitato potesse ancora riuscire a ridare fiducia allo sfumato Trynor e a ristabilire la sua autorità sulla squadra, ma per far ciò l'intero comitato dovrebbe essere convinzionissimo delle qualità del tecnico, ma per quello che ci risulta alcuni dirigenti non hanno piu' nemmeno un pizzico di fiducia in lui.

Possiamo soltanto augurare che il comitato sappia agire con tempestività e decisione per risolvere questa piccola crisi che se dovesse protrarsi metterebbe seriamente a repentina il futuro della squadra per il campionato.

In quanto a Margaritis lo consideriamo il miglior tecnico per la Juventus, non solo per le sue capacità ma anche per le sue qualità umane. Saremo più di lui e' capace di individuare i piccoli problemi nel macchinario Juventus che lui stesso ha costruito durante i due anni precedenti. A lui basterà una piccola stretta di vite da una parte, un po' d'olio dall'altra per far rendere la Juventus al massimo delle sue possibilità. Qualsiasi altro allenatore invece dovrebbe cominciare con nuovi esperimenti, nuovi montaggi e smontaggi che potrebbero anche non dare il risultato sperato e che comunque rifarebbero della Juventus 1985 un'altra formazione sperimentale e in fase di assestamento.

Perche' ricominciare dopo tanti esperimenti fatti (e soluzioni trovate) nel passato?

A differenza della Juventus, il Morwell e Fawkner si stanno comportando egualmente in questa coppa notturna. Il primo e' già quasi sicuro della qualificazione per le semifinali e il secondo ha dimostrato di essere capace di tenere testa agli squadrone con un paio di vecchie volpi ed una schiera di giovani di talento.

Goalie on move

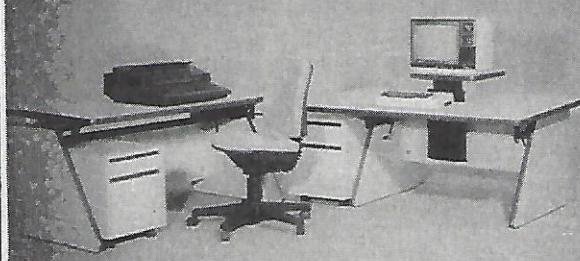
Experienced Albion Rovers goalkeeper Wally Bryden is looking for a new club and there's a report \$250 on the 28-year-old's head.

Bryden made 20 State League appearances for Albion last year. He's a former Altona City junior and played in the firsts with Keilor City and Keilor Austria.

Bryden can be contacted at work on 653 5549 or at home on 397 8290.

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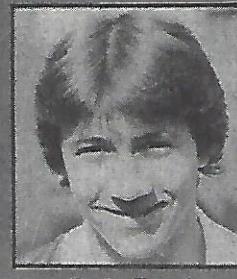


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FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY

HEIDELBERG UNITED v FAWKNER
at 7.15

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS v FOOTSCRAY JUST
at 8.40



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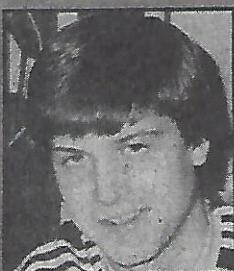
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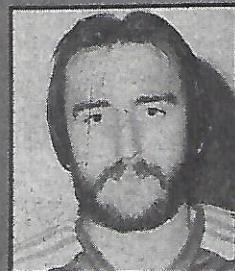


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